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VEGETABLE OIL TEAM (09.0203)

REF: TRICK-EULER PHONE CONVERSATION OF SEPTEMBER 8

PLEASE HAVE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

ALEXEI KOVALEV
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
USSR-US SECRETARIAT

DEAR MR. KOVALEV:

WE APPRECIATE THE PROMPT SOVIET RESPONSE TO MR. BELL'S
SEPTEMBER 8 LETTER TO MR. RUNOV. IN MR. BELL'S ABSENCE
TODAY, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SEND OUR REPLY TO YOU. SINCE
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TO US THE RESPONSE WAS LESS FORTHCOMING THAT IT SHOULD

HAVE BEEN, I HAVE TO BE FRANK ABOUT OUR DISAPPOINTMENT. HOWEVER, AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, WE HAVE MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO SEND OUR SUNFLOWER/VEGETABLE OIL TEAM AS SCHEDULED. THIS TEAM WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR SEEING AT LEAST FOUR OILSEED PROCESSING PLANTS OVERALL, WHICH SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM FOR YOUR SIDE, AND IT IS HARD FOR US TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE AT LEAST ONE PLANT PROCESSING SOYBEANS IN EUROPEAN USSR DURING THE TEAM'S VISIT. WE TRUST IT IS STILL POSSIBLE FOR NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE IN THIS TEAM'S PROGRAM, AND HOPE THAT THE VISIT CAN BE WORTHWHILE FOR BOTH SIDES.

WE DEEPLY REGRET THAT YOU HAVE NOT INCLUDED A VISIT TO THE SOVIET FAR EAST IN THE TEAM'S SCHEDULE, WHICH WAS REQUESTED IN MR. BELL'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 3. THIS WOULD HAVE AFFORDED AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITING YOUR MAJOR SOYBEAN PRODUCING/PROCESSING AREA AND WOULD HAVE BEEN MOST VALUABLE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE TEAM'S VISIT.

AT THE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, WE HAVE TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO TRY TO CLOSE THE LARGE GAP BETWEEN THE SOVIET PROGRAMMING FOR OUR TEAMS AND THE PROGRAMMING THAT WE ARE DOING FOR SOVIET TEAMS. THIS IS A BIG PROBLEM FOR US WHICH MUST BE SOLVED. WE MUST BE THINKING ABOUT WAYS THIS PROBLEM CAN BE HANDLED.

PLEASE ADVISE MR. RUNOV.

SINCERELY,

ROGER EULER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
US-USSR SECRETARIAT. KISSINGER

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